

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 27, 2004 **Place:** Room 120

Convened: 1/27/2004 3:10 PM

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Adjourned: 1/27/2004 3:40 PM

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Black-RM, Seymour
Representatives De Boef-CH, Tjepkes-VC, Whitaker-RM, Bell, Chambers, Hahn, Mertz,
Rasmussen, Reasoner

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Houser-VC, Seng

Senator Thurman Gaskill called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM. Roll was called. This being the first meeting of the session, there were no minutes to be read. Senator Gaskill announced that, if there were no objections, minutes will be sent only by email. He also stated that the meetings of this committee will be open meetings, and invited members to contact either of the co-chairmen with comments, questions and program suggestions.

Senator Gaskill invited Deb Kozel, Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency, to explain and discuss the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2005. Copies of the recommendations were distributed to those in attendance. Ms. Kozel explained the Governor's recommendations relating to both Agriculture funding and the Department of Natural Resources funding.

The meeting was opened for comments and questions. Senator Black questioned the transfer of Snowmobile Registration Fees to the Fish and Wildlife Bureau. He was concerned that the fees were not being used for the purpose for which they were intended. Representative Rasmussen raised a question relating to the transfer of funding from the Underground Storage Tank Fund. Senator Gaskill recognized Kathleen Moench, Department of Natural Resources, to answer the questions. Other comments followed.

Senator Gaskill announced that because of weather related problems, the other scheduled speaker for today, Steve Anderson, Iowa Lakes Association, was unable to be in attendance.

Meetings scheduled for the remainder of this week are cancelled. Representative Mertz moved to arise at 3:40 PM.

Senator E. Thurman Gaskill

Gerry Gaskill, Committee Secretary